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Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2005, for which a reply is due November 15, 2005, Applicants submit the amendment and response below. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks herein.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.